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SUBJECT: MEETING ON GOVERNMENT PURCHASING : SEPTEMBER 15

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1. SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED (TFD/TD/874) FOLLOWING CANADIAN SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING. SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THESE COULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION UNDER AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM (TO EXTENT NOT ALREADY COVERED BY DRAFT AGENDA ISSUED RECENTLY - REFTEL). BEGIN TEXT:

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT LACK OF PROGRESS (MOST NOTABLY AT THE LAST MEETING), THE CANADIAN DELEGATION IS OF THE VIEW THAT WORK MAY HAVE PRO-

CEEDED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE OUTSIDE OF NEGOTIATING CONTEXT. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKING PARTY NOW SHOULD BE TO FINALISE THE DRAFT INSTRUMENT WHICH WILL CONTAIN A NUMBER OF SQUARE BRACKETS ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES AND TO UNCLASSIFIED

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/HIGHLIGHT THE NATURE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF UNRESOLVED

ISSUES.

ACCORDINGLY, CANADA WOULD WISH TO SEE THE SECRETARIAT PREPARE FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, A CHECK-LIST OF UNRESOLVED ISSUES WHICH WOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE WORKING PARTY. IT WOULD NOT BE OUR INTENTION TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON EACH ISSUE, BUT DELEGATIONS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN THEIR POSITION OR TO MAKE NEW PROPOSALS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS EXERCISE, WE WOULD WISH TO HAVE THE SECRETARIAT PREPARE, FOR REVIEW AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, A SHORT NOTE ON EACH OF THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES INDICATING THE NATURE OF THE DIFFICULTIES. THE DRAFT INSTRUMENT TOGETHER WITH THESE NOTES COULD THEN BE TRANSMITTED AS A PACKAGE TO THE

TRADE COMMITTEE.

WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTE UNRESOLVED AREAS OF THE DRAFT INSTRUMENT: PARAGRAPHS

2, 4, 5(A), 7(A), 7(B), 14, 20, 27, 32, 35 AND PARTS III AND IV/V.

AT THE LAST MEETING, DELEGATIONS UNDERTOOK TO REVIEW IN THEIR CAPITALS WHAT MIGHT BE AGREED UPON AS REGARDS STATISTICS AND WE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE."

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